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TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the first Office Action on the merits, dated August 12, 2003, for which a response is due November 12, 2003. Enclosed is a Request for a three-month extension of time, along with authorization to charge the Deposit Account with the requisite fee. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.